

Borough of Morton

Agenda Meeting

October 3, 2018

Page | 1 The agenda meeting for the month of October was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Council President Cimino. The pledge of allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Natalie young-present, Bernice Dickerson-present, Robert McGrath-present, and Mayor Blunt-present. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Chief Laspina, Fire Chief Reiff. Present after roll call: Michele Roberts.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Mr. Cimino wanted Safe Routes to Transit Grant application added to Community and Economic Development Committee.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Miller reported that the metal trim on the borough building was to be painted as soon as next Tuesday.

Mr. Cimino reported that some plants were left by the garage, these are to go to the people who participated in the Street-smart audits. He advised the staff not to just let anyone pick them up and take them. Jamie Anderson of the ESWC was in charge of those plants.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RFP – Banking Services

Ms. Dickerson explained that Sharon Bank in Morton has closed. Mr. Poole received a copy of an RFP from Middletown township to look over, and our package will be ready by next week.

Ms. Dickerson added that taxes are still to be paid at the Springfield Branch on Brookside Road, for now.

Employee Job Descriptions

Ms. Dickerson explained that these job descriptions were again sent to council for review that will be ready for adoption next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Laspina had no report at this time, but did notify council that he is prepared for the budget meeting on 10-16-18.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. McGrath gave a brief follow-up report on Morton Day. We spent \$3100 on bands, face painting, tent, and dunk tank, and photo booth. Tent worked well, weather turned out great. He thanked those that participated, the Police Department, the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department, and the bands,

Zak's Burgers. He stated that possibly 100 attended. The objective was to get people from town to attend, he suggested that we may hold the event in the spring next year, we have to plan early.

Comcast Franchise

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Mr. McGrath reported that the cable committee met with the solicitor and worked out an agreement with Comcast. Next week we will vote on a 10-year contract which includes 5% revenue. The draft of the contract will be sent tomorrow to all. They agree to give us a \$7500 grant.

Safe Transit Routes

This grant application is due by Friday October 5th. Mr. Poole reported that he has been working along side of Rutledge Borough on this grant as far as design and instruction and to improve safety. DVRPC has also given the green light on this project.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION

Ms. Roberts reported that the 2017 904 grant was submitted. The 2016 grant award amount should be forthcoming.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

No report

PARK AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller reported that the PECO Green Region Resolution would be voted on for approval next week

We are also applying for a grant for woods and trails, specifically the Sycamore avenue wooded area which would be due October 30, 2018.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – thanked council for Morton Day, stated he felt it was well worth it.

Silver Lake Apartments

Some residents of Silver Lake apartments appeared before council to complain of various issues; not being able to reach the landlord, unstable resident, and damaged properties. Each of the residents in attendance had a copy of a petition letter. Council and the Solicitor advised each of them to put their complaints in writing and turn them in to the borough office, as they would be dealt with on a case by case matter. Chief Laspina notified the residents that any complaints regarding other residents needs to be brought to his attention as the police department was already aware of some of these issues. Each person in attendance from Silver Lake said they would bring their complaints to the borough office either via email or in person.

Adjournment

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary